



## **Arlington Council on Aging**

### **Minutes**

*Date: Thursday September 21, 2023 Time: 6:00 pm*

***Present: Pat Baillieul (on zoom), Anne Brown, Sheila Connerney, Nancy Feeney, Mary Hung, Mara Klein Collins, Karen Nichols, Marjorie Vanderhill, Karen Nichols***

***Select Board representative present: Steve DeCoursey***

***Location: This meeting was conducted in a hybrid format.***

***Kristine Shah, Executive Director***

*The Council's primary responsibilities are to design, promote, and implement programs and services to address the needs of the community's elder population, and to coordinate existing services in the community.*

1. Call to order at 6:05pm, Mara offered to assist running the meeting since Michael was absent
  - a. Remembrance – brief discussion about Rick Fentin and his impact to the COA. Board members will contemplate ways we can remember Rick and memorialize his dedication.

#### 2. Citizen's Open Forum

Jennifer Susse from Equitable Arlington talked about the MBTA Communities Act.

#### 3. Minutes of the June 2023 meeting for approval

Anne Browne made a motion to approve the minutes. Nancy Feeney seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

#### 4. Report: Executive Director- see notes below

- a. COA Parking Permit Pilot Program- Update

- b. Request made for FY24 transfer from Sevoyan Personal Needs Fund today for \$18,455. Anne Brown made a motion to approve the transfer of funds. Nancy Feeney seconded the motion. The motion to transfer the funds was approved.

#### 5. Report: Chair – Michael was Absent

#### 8. Town Day Booth: September 23, 10:30am-4:30pm

#### 9. Report: Minuteman Senior Services- Marge Vanderhill provided update on MMSS

Recent meeting was dedicated to Adult Protective Services.

#### 10. Old Business

#### 11. New Business

## 12. Other Community Announcements

## 13. Adjourn

Anne Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Feeney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

**- Next meeting: October 19, 2023**

## **Executive Director's Report: Kristine Shah**

### I. A very busy summer

#### a. COA PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM

- a. THANK YOU to all volunteers who assisted in the development and strategy to make this program a reality, especially Pat O'Connell and her team
- b. Select Board approved it unanimously on June 26
- c. Program Details
- d. COA created and finalized policies and procedures for program through summer months
- e. Program launched September 7
- f. COA has distributed over 600 stickers in the first two weeks

#### b. Program attendance up 20% through summer months

- a. Additional programs added on hottest days in air conditioned spaces.

#### c. Rainbow LLI joined us weekly for regional workshops/programming.

### II. Budget Updates

- a. Request for FY24 transfer from Sevoyan Personal Needs Fund
- b. New \$2,000 Grant from MMSS for medical transportation outside of town
- c. EOEY FY24 Formula Grant increase approved in State Budget at \$14/pp and 2020 census count for Arlington Age 60+ officially 11,035

### III. Age & Dementia Friendly Initiatives, Board Member Engagement Opportunities:

- a. Arlington 60+ Connection on ACMI: Nancy Feeney will be joining next episode to discuss "How To Be Your Own Advocate"

- b. Town Day September 23: Thank you to all who signed up for slots, still spots available, especially 12:20-2:30pm:

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